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SUBJECT: SOVIET CARGO AIRCRAFT TRANSITING KARACHI FOR
HANOI

REF: ISLAMABAD 7959

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TAN ON CONTINUING SOVIET MILITARY AND CIVILIAN FLIGHTS TO
VIETNAM, FLIGHTS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKING THE SAME ROUTE FOR
MANY YEARS FOLLOWING PRC CLOSURE OF AIRSPACE TO SOVIET
FLIGHTS TO VIETNAM. IF YOU WISH TO MENTION EXISTENCE OF
FLIGHTS TO AMBASSADOR LU IN MAINTAINING YOUR DIALOGUE WITH
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WHILE FLYING MILITARY SUPPLIES TO HANOI. THEREFORE, WE

SHOULD HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT PAKISTAN POSITION CAN BE

CHANGED NO MATTER WHAT PRC MIGHT WISH OR SAY. FOR OUR
PART, USG HAS NO DESIRE TO INJECT ITSELF INTO STRUGGLE
BETWEEN USSR-PRC-VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA OR APPEAR TO TAKE
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